

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

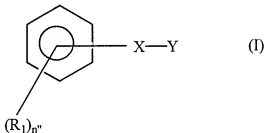
Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract (a clean copy of which is attached as Appendix A):

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a cleaning solution for items soiled by organic materials soils, comprising:

- (A) more than 50% by weight, preferably more than 60% by weight, more preferably more than 70% by weight and most preferably more than 80% by weight of at least one lactone;
- (B) at least one surfactant compound having a HLB ranging from 8 to 15.

Disclosed is a cleaning solution comprising, based on the total weight of the solution: (a) more than 50% by weight of at least one lactone (component A); (b) and 1 to 10% by weight of at least one surfactant compound (component B) having a HLB ranging from 8 to 15 and selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula



wherein: R_1 denotes a hydrocarbon group comprising from 1 to 20 carbon atoms; n'' is an integer from 1 to 5, X denotes a valence link, $-O-$, $-OCH_2$, $C=O$ or $(CH_2)_k$, k being an integer varying from 1 to 2; Y denotes $(RO)_jH$ wherein j is an integer ranging from 2 to 40, and R is a divalent hydrocarbon group, and compounds of formula

$$CH_3(CH_2)_l - O - (CH_2CH_2O)_m - H \quad (II)$$
wherein l is an integer from 6 to 13 and m is an integer from 3 to 15.